

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the first full paragraph on page 4 with the following amended paragraph:

According to still another illustrative embodiment, there is provided an inoculant composition. The inoculant composition includes a biofilm having disposed therein at least one of the following: *Enterococcus durans* 141-1 having ATCC accession number PTA-4758, *Enterococcus durans* 152 having ATCC accession number PTA-4759, *Lactococcus lactis* C-1-92 having ATCC accession number PTA-4760, or *Lactococcus lactis* C-1-152 having ATCC accession number PTA-4761 or mixtures thereof. Each of said strains having been deposited with the American Type Culture Collection (ATCC; 10801 University Blvd., Manassas, VA 20110-2209) on October 15, 2002.